

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 22, 2005. Claims 46 to 51 and 58 to 78 are in the application, of which Claims 46, 48, 50, 58, 61, 64, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75 and 77 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Turning first to a formal matter involving the drawings, Applicants again respectfully request approval for the replacement drawing sheets dated June 17, 2004.

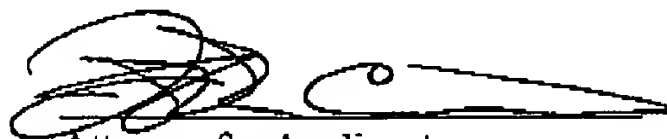
Turning to the merits, Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 46 to 51 and 58 to 78.

The Office Action entered a new rejection of Claims 37 to 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,764,866 (Maniwa) in view of U.S. Patent 5,923,439 (Tomida). Without conceding the correctness of this rejection, Claims 37 to 45 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, in an effort to obtain an earlier allowance of the subject application and to expedite issuance.

No other matters being raised, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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